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Easter





A Note from Pastor Larry

Church family,

There's a sense in my spirit right now that something special is happening among us. You can feel it. You can see it. And in many ways, you can't even fully explain it yet, but God is on the move.

In seasons of transition, it's easy to wonder, "What's next?" But I believe we're not stepping into uncertainty. We're stepping into opportunity. God is building something here. He's strengthening people. He's drawing hearts closer to Him. And He's writing new stories of life change right in front of us.

As we celebrate Resurrection Sunday, we're reminded that our faith is built on the ultimate new beginning. Scripture tells us, *"If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"* (2 Corinthians 5:17). Jesus didn't just come to make life better. He came to make all things new.

And maybe that's exactly what some of you need right now...a fresh start. A new beginning. A moment where the past doesn't define you and hope gets the final word.

If that's you, whether you've been here for years or you're just walking through our doors for the first time, you are welcome here. You and your family have a place here. Not just to attend, but to belong. To grow. To find support. To begin again.

We're not a perfect church. But we are a church that wants to walk alongside you and your family as you take your next step with Jesus.

I truly believe the best days of Connection Point are not behind us. They're right in front of us. And I'm grateful we get to walk into that future together.

Let's keep leaning in. Let's keep trusting God. And let's keep expecting Him to do more than we could ever ask or imagine.

Blessings,
Pastor Larry

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FIRST-TIME GUESTS

PRAYER

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SUNDAY RESOURCES



Stop by the Connect Center in the lobby so we can say hello!

Celebrating Lives Made New

Since the summer, we've celebrated 12 baptisms, each one a powerful picture of new life in Christ. We've seen men and women, children, teens, and adults of all ages step into the water, coming from different backgrounds and walks of life. But in every story, the same miracle is on display: the old is gone, and new life has begun.

That's the heart of Easter.

When Jesus rose from the grave, He made a way for new beginnings—not just for a moment, but for eternity. Baptism is a visible expression of that reality. It's an act of obedience, commanded by Jesus, and a declaration that a life has been forever changed. As someone is lowered into the water, it represents dying to sin and self. As they are raised up, it reflects the new life we now have through His resurrection (Romans 6:4).

These baptisms are more than celebrations of individual decisions—they are evidence that God is actively moving in our church. In every life changed, we see the same power that raised Jesus from the dead still at work today.

As we celebrate Easter and the new life it brings, let's thank God for what He is doing in these lives and in our church.

And if you're ready to begin your own journey of following Jesus or want to take the step of baptism, stop by the Connect Center in the lobby or visit connectionpoint.tv/connect.



Lives Changed Across North America

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

What God is doing here at Connection Point is worth celebrating—but it's not happening here alone. Across North America, missionaries are seeing the same kind of life change we've experienced in our own church. Through the North American Mission Board, more than 3,000 missionaries are sharing the gospel, planting churches, and serving communities—including right here in Kansas City.

Through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, we have the opportunity to join in that mission. Across North America, more than 286 million people are estimated to be without Christ. Let's pray for these missionaries and thank God for the lives being changed. And let's give—because 100% of every gift supports North American missions. Give by designating your gift "Annie Armstrong" online at connectionpoint.tv/give or by using a giving envelope.

Lead Pastor Search Update

The Lead Pastor Search Team is excited to share that they have entered the next phase of the pastor search process. The team has officially begun actively searching for our next Lead Pastor and is now receiving resumes from potential candidates. As part of this phase, the pastor opening and job description have been posted across several ministry job boards, including those of Baptist seminaries, local, state, and national Baptist associations and conventions, as well as other ministry-focused platforms. Please continue to pray for the men who may respond and for the Lord's clear guidance as the team begins reviewing candidates.

As this work continues, we also want to share how your input is shaping the process. Below and on the following page, you will find a summary of the congregational survey results, reflecting the church's most common responses for each question. Using this feedback, the team has developed an "Ideal Candidate" profile, which will serve as a key tool in evaluating each candidate throughout the process.

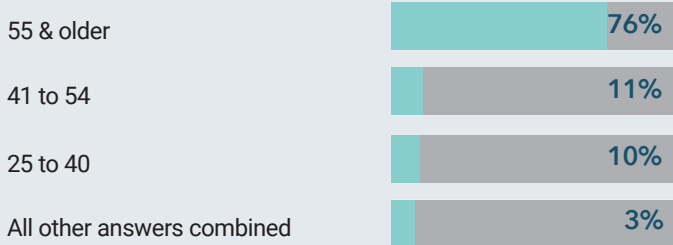
To learn more about the search process or to download a daily prayer guide visit connectionpoint.tv/pastorsearch. If you have questions about the survey results, please email pastorsearch@connectionpoint.tv.

Congregational Survey Results

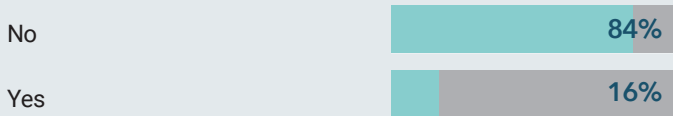
Question 1 – What is your gender?



Question 2 – What is your age?



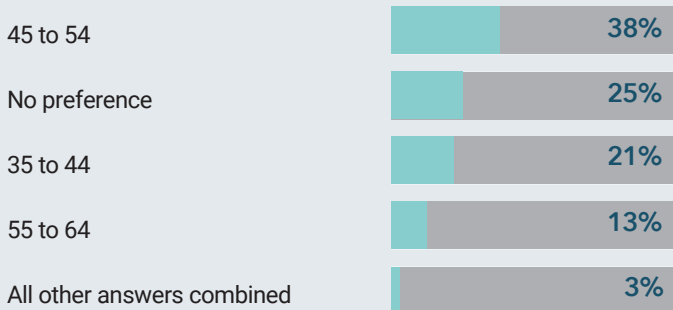
Question 3 – Do you have children under 18 living at home?



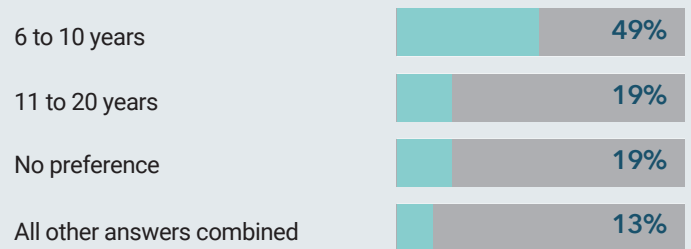
Question 4 – Are you a member of Connection Point Church?



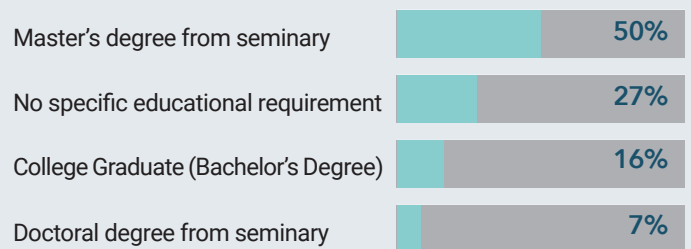
Question 5 – What is the desired age range for the Lead Pastor?



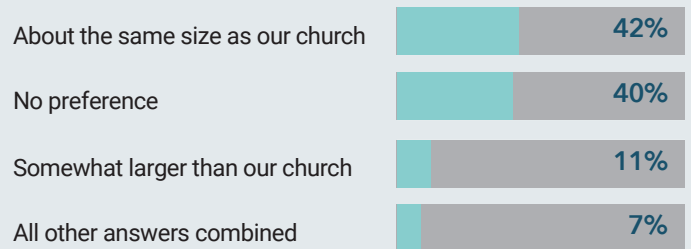
Question 6 – What pastoral ministry experience should be required?



Question 7 - What is the minimum acceptable educational level you expect the Lead Pastor to have attained?



Question 8 – What should the size of the prospective pastor's current church (based on attendance) be in relation to our church?



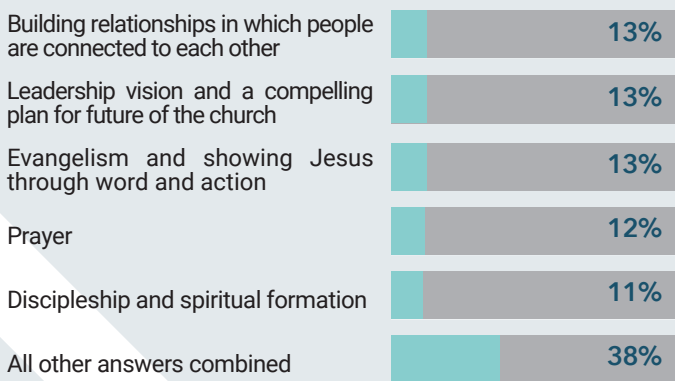
Question 9 – Rank the following important strengths needed by the incoming Lead Pastor in order of importance. Percentages below reflect strengths ranked as most important.



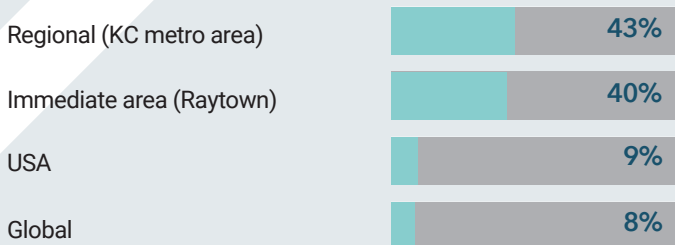
Question 10 – Which of the following elements of preaching style effectively communicate God’s Word to you?



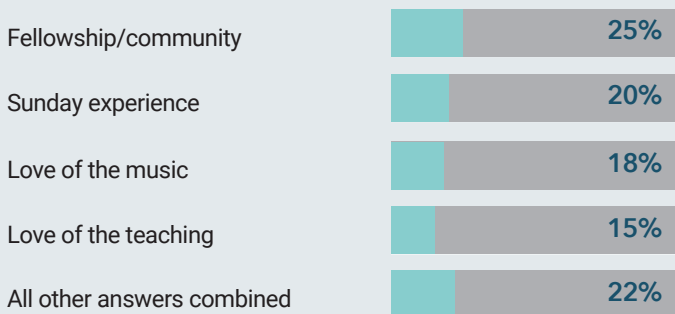
Question 11 – Of the ministry priorities in our church, which of the following does the incoming Lead Pastor need to emphasize most?



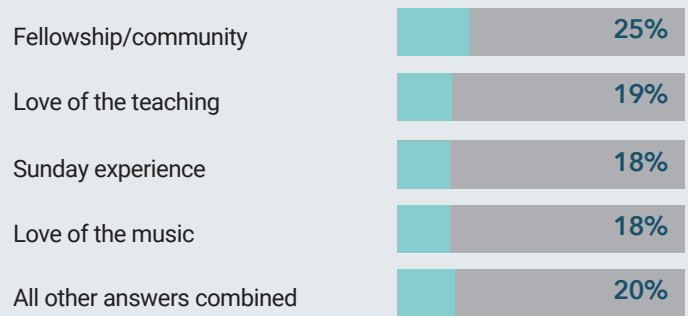
Question 12 – Which two areas of Evangelism and Missions need more focus from our church?



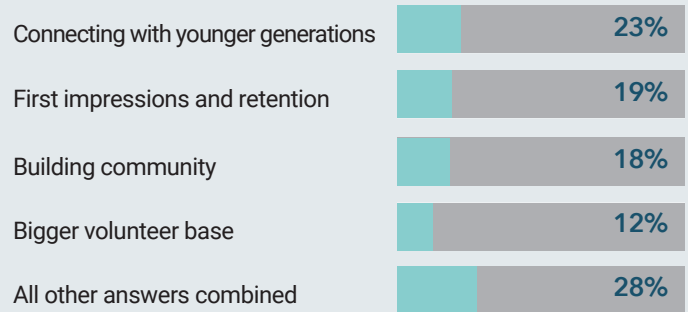
Question 13 – Why do you believe people attend our church?



Question 14 – Why do you attend our church?



Question 15 – Where do you feel our church could use the most improvements?



The Composite “Ideal Candidate” Profile

Based on actual member priorities indicated in the survey, our ideal Lead Pastor profile would be:

- **Age:** Late 30’s to early 50’s
- **Experience:** 6-15 years
- **Education:** Master’s degree (preferred)
- **Church Background:** Similar-sized congregation
- **Strengths:**
 - Strong, biblical, engaging preacher
 - Vision-caster who leads change patiently
 - Relational bridge-builder across generations
- **Ministry Passions:**
 - Discipleship
 - Evangelism (especially local)
 - Prayer
 - Developing leaders and volunteers
- **Style:**
 - Pastoral, not corporate
 - Missional, not inward
 - Teaching-driven, not personality-driven

Learn more about the Lead Pastor search process at connectionpoint.tv/pastorsearch

WORLD CUP OUTREACH

Our plan to reach the world in Kansas City this summer



In Matthew 28:19, Jesus calls us to make disciples of all nations. This summer, we have a unique opportunity—because the nations are coming to Kansas City.

The World Cup is more than a global sporting event. It's a once-in-a-generation opportunity for gospel impact right here in our backyard.

As hundreds of thousands of visitors come to the Kansas City metro area, we want to be spiritually ready, strategically prepared, and unified as a church. In the coming months, there will be meaningful opportunities to pray, worship, serve, go, and give as we respond together.

Our church has been prayerfully developing plans for this outreach since fall 2025. With an event of this global scale, there are many people and organizations to coordinate with, so plans are still taking shape. While details continue to develop, we want to share what we know now so you can begin praying and considering how you might help reach the nations.

This is not about soccer. It's about our mission to *connect people with Jesus and one another*. It's about preparing our church to think globally while serving locally. The World Cup will last a few weeks—but the spiritual impact could last generations.

Here are ways you can prepare and participate:

Trainings & Prep Sessions

To care well for both our community and our global guests, preparation is essential. As a church family, we want to be ready to communicate clearly, protect those around us, and faithfully share the gospel. Here are several ways you can begin preparing now.

Spanish Class

Sundays, April 12–May 31 @ 12:30-1:30pm

Community Readiness/Crisis Training

Saturday, May 16 @ 10:00am-2:00pm

Human Trafficking Awareness

Sunday, May 17 @ 12:30-1:30pm

CPR/First Aid Training

Saturday, May 23 @ 10:00am-2:00pm

Evangelism Training

Wednesday, May 27 @ 5:30-7:30pm

First & Fast Prayer Gathering

Sunday, June 7 @ 5:00-6:15pm

Match Day Outreaches

With the World Cup stadium (Arrowhead) essentially in our backyard, we have a unique opportunity to be a welcoming presence and light for those attending matches. Several meaningful local outreach opportunities are currently in development to help us connect with and serve fans as they arrive in our area. Specific details and ways to participate will be shared soon.

Non-Match Day Outreaches

Even on days when matches are not being played, hundreds of thousands of additional visitors will still be in the Kansas City metro area. We want to be ready to serve them while also caring well for our own community as we host the nations together. These outreach opportunities will allow us to extend hospitality, kindness, and the hope of the gospel throughout our city.

Reaching the Nations

Tuesdays, June 2–July 21 @ 9:00am

Spanish-Language Worship Services

Sundays, June 7–July 20 @ 12:30pm

Youth Soccer Training

Wednesdays, June 17–July 1 @ 4:00pm

Adopt-A-Street & Campus Clean Up

Opportunities TBA

First Responder Care Week

Opportunities TBA

Find additional details at connectionpoint.tv/go





PARENT SUMMIT

Saturday, April 18
9:00am-2:00pm

Did you know you are the most influential person in your child's faith journey? Long before a pastor, small group leader, or friend speaks into their life, your voice shapes their understanding of truth, love, and grace. Parent Summit is designed to encourage and equip you to walk confidently alongside your child through the realities of everyday life — not just in the big milestone moments, but in the ordinary rhythms.

Parent Summit is for parents (married and single), grandparents, guardians, and anyone shaping a child's life. Whether you're in the toddler years, navigating elementary school, or preparing a teenager for adulthood, this event will meet you where you are and help you take your next step with confidence. Cost is \$15 per person. Childcare is available.

New topics for 2026!

BREAKOUT SESSION TOPICS

How to Have Hard Conversations
Tantrums
Creating a Christ-Centered Home
Village Parenting
Parenting in the Valley
Kids and Technology
Finances and the Home
Child Brain Development

PARENTING PANELS

How to Parent Well as a Father (*men only*)
How to Parent Well as a Mother (*women only*)
Large-Group Panel for Questions and Discussion

Breakouts and panels are subject to change.
For the latest information, visit connectionpoint.tv/parents Summit.

Register at connectionpoint.tv/parents Summit



Walking in the Way

The Impact of WKND & PreNow

Over the course of one weekend, something powerful happened in the lives of our kids and students.

At PreNow and WKND last month, they stepped away from their normal routines—school, screens, schedules—and stepped into something intentional: time with God, time in His Word, and time surrounded by others who are learning to follow Jesus. What took place wasn't just activity. It was spiritual movement.

At PreNow, our kids heard a clear and compelling truth: there are two ways to live—God's way and sin's way. But the good news is that Jesus is the way God provided for us to move from sin to life through the cross. Throughout the weekend, they learned what it looks like to walk that way—to recognize how sin and even their own thoughts can create barriers, to trust Jesus to clear the path, and to invite others to follow Him. The call was simple, but significant: Know the Way. Obey the Way. Share the Way.

At WKND, our students leaned into that same theme with depth and urgency. Centered on Jesus' words that He is "the way, the truth, and the life," they were challenged to consider what it truly means to walk the narrow road of following Him. And they responded.

On Saturday night, during a time of worship and teaching, students filled the front of the room—repenting, surrendering, and asking God to use their lives. It was not a casual moment. It was a genuine response to the work of the Holy Spirit. And on Sunday morning, that response continued as students shared, one after another, how God had stirred their hearts and called them to live differently—to pursue Him more fully and to share Him boldly.

These weekends matter because they create space for life-change. But more importantly, they remind us that what begins in a moment must continue in a lifetime.

So as a church family, we don't just celebrate what God has done—we commit to pray for what He will continue to do. Pray that these kids and students would not settle for an emotional experience, but that this would become a turning point. Pray for lasting transformation, deeper love for the Lord, and courage to walk in obedience wherever He leads.

Because the goal isn't just a powerful weekend. It's a lifetime of walking in the Way.





CREATE -A- CAMP

July 27-31

8:30am-2:00pm

for kids 3 years through 5th grade

Create-A-Camp is a mash up of all things kids love! It is Vacation Bible School, Fine Arts Camp, and Sports Camp all rolled into one. No more running all over town week after week, paying fee after fee to get your kid involved in summer activities. We're having one awesome weeklong camp where your kids will get strong Biblical teaching as well as quality instruction in sports and arts.

Your child will get to create their own camp experience by choosing two activities to excel in everyday. They will also get the added bonus each day to explore other activities. Create-A-Camp includes daily age graded small group Bible study classes. Opening and closing worship rallies will excite kiddos, and campers will express themselves in a musical performance the whole family will enjoy.

See full details and register at connectionpoint.tv/createacamp.

We need YOU to volunteer!

It takes almost 250 volunteers to make Create-A-Camp possible. Would you like to be part of the team? No experience required. We just ask that you have completed 6th grade (2025-26 school year) or older and have a heart to serve and have fun with some amazing kids at camp. All volunteers are required attend a training session before Create-A-Camp. Volunteers 18+ are required to fill out a background check. Sign up to volunteer at connectionpoint.tv/createacamp.



Summer Camp 2026 One Awesome Week for Kids and Students

Get ready for one of the most impactful weeks of the summer! From July 13-18, kids and students who have completed grades 3 through 12 will head to Eagle Sky of the Ozarks for a week designed to help them step away from everyday distractions and focus on what matters most—their relationship with God.

Camp is more than just fun (though there will be plenty of that!). It's a chance to build lasting friendships, experience meaningful worship, and dive into God's Word in a way that sticks long after the week is over. Time away in a new environment often leads to powerful moments of growth, clarity, and life change.

This year is especially exciting as both Kids and Student Ministries come together for one unified camp experience. After seeing the incredible impact this camp had on students last year, we are bringing everyone together to share in a powerful camp experience. One camp. One community. One unforgettable week.

The cost is \$400 through April (Early Bird), increasing to \$450 starting May 1.

Don't miss it! Learn more and sign up at connectionpoint.tv/events.



EAGLE SKY CAMP

UPCOMING EVENTS



GriefShare

Tuesdays, April 7 & 21

Our GriefShare support group is led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life. GriefShare meets the first and third Tuesdays each month in room C218 at 6:00pm.

MomCo

Tuesdays, April 14 & 28

Mothering is complicated, but it doesn't have to be lonely. If you have a child birth through high school, MomCo at Connection Point is for you. MomCo meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Triple L

Tuesday, April 21

Enjoy fellowship, music, a devotion, a pulled pork sandwiches lunch, and a program from Ambassadors of Grace at Triple L on Tuesday, April 21, at 10:30am in the Atrium. Cost is \$8. RSVP by calling Barbara Griffin at 816-847-7138.



**Spring into Fitness
Showcase at The ROC**

Saturday, April 25

Join us for a free, fun, and energizing way to spring into fitness! You will experience six different group exercise classes in one at our Spring into Fitness Showcase at The ROC Fitness Center at Connection Point Church on Saturday, April 25, at 9:30am. You do not have to be a member of The ROC to attend. All participants will receive a free 7-day pass to The ROC Fitness Center on the day of the event. For full details, visit connectionpoint.tv/events.

Women on Mission

**Monday, April 27 &
Thursday, May 7**

You are a woman on mission! Learn how others are living out the Great Commission and how you can too. Women on Mission meets monthly in the Fellowship Hall. Choose from two sessions: 1st Thursdays at 9:30am and 4th Mondays at 6:30pm.



Kids Choir Musical

Sunday, May 3

Join us at 6:00pm, following our First & Fast gathering, in the Worship Center to support our Connection Kids Choir as they share the musical they've been preparing this year. We will also hear from our Connection Kids Choir Jr. and enjoy a time of fellowship.

First & Fast Gathering

Sunday, May 3

Gather with your church family on 1st Sundays at 5:00pm for First & Fast—a powerful time to seek the Lord, realign our hearts, refocus our faith, and remind ourselves that our strength comes from Him alone. Brandon Taylor will lead us in worship as we pray with unity and expectation for what God wants to do in and through our church.

Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 3

We will recognize our 2026 high school graduates on Sunday, May 3, as part of Milestone 7: Disciple Forever on the Legacy Milestone Path. Join us to pray for and encourage these graduates as they prepare for what's ahead. Learn more and sign up to participate at connectionpoint.tv/events.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 9

Men, join us for the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 9, at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall. It's a morning filled with good food, genuine conversations, and a word from CPC member Rich Hastings. Learn more at connectionpoint.tv/events.

Engaging Hope Gala

Friday, May 15

Lock arms with Hope Network at our fundraising gala as we engage in hope together to strengthen our community, break the shackles of poverty, keep more people housed, and make a Kingdom impact. Unable to attend but still want to help? Invite your Life Group to make an auction basket (value \$25-\$300). All funds raised help impoverished families in our Raytown community. Learn more at connectionpoint.tv/events.



Little Learners Preschool

2026-27 Enrollment Now Open

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year at Little Learners Preschool is now open. If you'd like a tour of Connection Point's preschool, please call the Little Learners office at 816-778-1128. Learn more about Little Learners at connectionpoint.tv/littlelearners.

**For more events, visit
connectionpoint.tv/events**

what's next?

Whether this is your first visit or you've been attending for years, you may be asking yourself, "Where do I go from here?" You're ready for your next step. Maybe you'd like to talk to someone about following Christ, joining a Life Group, becoming a church member, getting baptized, or something else. Stop by the Connect Center to talk with us or visit us at connectionpoint.tv/connect.

If you are looking for consistent opportunities to stay connected with the Connection Point family, be sure to join us every Sunday and Wednesday:

Sunday Morning Worship Service

Join us for a powerful, multigenerational worship experience **every Sunday at 9:30am** in the Worship Center. You'll hear biblical teaching that speaks to real life and experience dynamic music led by our choir and orchestra, all in a welcoming atmosphere for every age. ASL interpretation is available for the deaf and hard of hearing, and Kid City Jr. provides nursery care for children from birth through age five. Come just as you are and discover a place where you'll be encouraged and equipped to grow in your faith.

Connect with a Life Group

Life Groups are a great opportunity to meet new people, build friendships, and grow in your faith and knowledge of God's Word. Each group is made up of people just like you! Find the group that is right for you based on gender, age group, life stage, and schedule. Life Groups meet on Sundays at 8:15 am, Sundays at 11:00am, and during the week. **To find your group, stop by the Connect Center this morning or visit connectionpoint.tv/lifegroups.**

MIDWEEK - Wednesday Activities

Wednesday evenings are a great midweek opportunity to dig a little deeper at Connection Point. No matter your age—whether you want to learn, build community, or serve—there's a place for you at MIDWEEK on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Learn more at connectionpoint.tv/midweek.

Childcare (ages 0-3)	Bible Study for Adults
Preschool (ages 3-5)	Choir Rehearsal
Kids (K-5th grade)	Orchestra Rehearsal
Students (6th-12th grade)	

Come Early for MIDWEEK Dinner

Bring your whole family or come on your own—there's a seat for you! Dinner is served in the Atrium from 4:30-6:00pm before activities begin. Cost is \$6 per person. Call 816-268-1534 and leave a message by 2:00pm each Wednesday to reserve your spot.

Upcoming Menu

April 1 - Country Fried Steak	April 22 - Sloppy Joe
April 8 - Tacos	April 29 - Chicken Alfredo
April 15 - Lasagna	

Find events, resources, and more ways to get connected at connectionpoint.tv

GIVING UPDATE

Total Annual Goal: **\$3,802,542.00**

Fiscal Year to Date Received: \$1,732,333.18

as of Thursday, April 2, 2026



Fiscal Year to Date Goal: \$1,901,271.06



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WORSHIP UPDATE

Average Weekly Worship Attendance

March Total Average: **822**

9:30 Worship Service: 691

Online: 131



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"Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Corinthians 9:7

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- **ONLINE** at connectionpoint.tv
- **TEXT** the word GIVE to 816-306-1994
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